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HOUSE PASSES GRUBB BILL TO SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS, USE RESOURCES

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana House members today passed legislation authored by State Rep. F. Dale Grubb (D-Covington) that will save taxpayer dollars and provide a better use of state resources.

House Bill 1021, which now advances to the Indiana Senate, will require the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to implement a pilot program that would allow the roadsides along divided highways to be leased for the purpose of mowing and baling grass and forage.

Grubb said this program would save taxpayers the cost of mowing and provide a resource for feeding livestock.

"The obvious concern is that this work be done as safely as possible," Grubb said. "To achieve that goal, my bill contains procedures that are patterned after statutes in two other states. Trying this program on a limited basis, while ensuring safety is maintained, makes common sense.

"I hate to see anything wasted," he continued. "Saving taxpayer dollars, using the resources and keeping the roads safe are the goals I hope to achieve with House Bill 1021."

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